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Friday Check-In



**JULY 4TH WEEKEND TRAVEL EXPECTED
TO INFUSE \$15.8 MILLION INTO U.S. ECONOMY**

Friday Check-In video



One of the most significant travel periods is upon us, and U.S. Travel [projects](#) an estimated 42 million American travelers will pump \$15.8 billion into the economy this holiday weekend. This year's volume is expected to be the highest since 2007—but with demand ever increasing, the state of our infrastructure continues to be a major concern that requires serious action from Washington.

The U.S. government [stated](#) this week that comments related to the Open Skies debate will be welcomed through August 3, when it will close the federal dockets. Because Open Skies agreements have delivered greater consumer choice and lower airfares for passengers, U.S. Travel is strongly advocating for this policy's preservation and urges the Administration to oppose the request made by U.S. legacy carriers to freeze new routes by Gulf carriers.

Increased travel from Brazil—a major priority of many—received a boost this week when the country's president, Dilma Rousseff, visited with President Obama in Washington. The heads of state [announced](#) that Brazil would participate in the Global Entry program by 2016 and also agreed to work to meet the requirements for entry into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program, which would [greatly benefit](#) our economy and national security.

Have a wonderful Fourth.

Safe travels,



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